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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Junichi MINATO      ALLOWED: JANUARY 28, 2010

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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, SHARED DATA MANAGEMENT METHOD  
AND SHARED DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

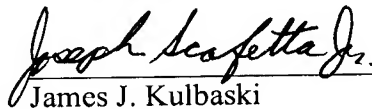
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SIR:

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included on page 4, line 11, of the Notice of Allowability dated January 28, 2010 characterizes the invention in terms of "an image forming apparatus comprising code". However, the word "code" never appears in any of the allowed claims 14, 16-21 and 25-27. Therefore, the "Statement" mischaracterizes the invention in unduly narrow terms inconsistent with the actual claim language.

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